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Title: SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM

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**REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-captioned patent, Patentee noted a typographical error which should be corrected.

The correction requested is as follows:

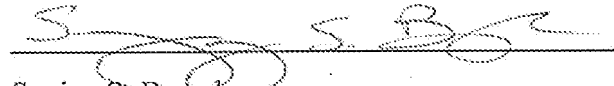
On section 10, claim 1, line 29, please replace:

"tin" with --tip--

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction. Patentee respectfully requests granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

Patentee believes the error was not in the application as filed or any subsequent amendment. Accordingly, no fee is required. However, if the Commissioner determines a fee is due, Patentee petitions for any required relief and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No. LAUFNZ00100.

Respectfully submitted,

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